GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COLLEGES AND SEATS FOR NRIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recognised medical colleges in the country and seats reserved for NRIs;

(b) whether NRIs quota exceeds more than the prescribed quota almost every year in the absence of inspections by the Medical Council of India; and

(c) if so, the action proposed against the Medical Council of India for the dereliction of duty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) There are a total of 155 recognised medical colleges in India. The number of seats for NRI/foreign students in private institutions is 15% of the total number of seats as per order of the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India.

(b) & (c) Since NRIs quota has been fixed by the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India, it is the primary responsibility of the concerned University and the State Government to ensure the compliance of the directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court. The Medical Council of India also look into this aspect whenever they undertake inspections of the colleges for renewal of annual permission, in case of newly established colleges and periodical inspections at an interval of five years in the case of recognised colleges for continuance of the recognition of medical college.